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Entitled: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRECLUDING ARTICLES FROM FALLING INTO A GAP**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 8 sheets of specification, 6 sheets of claims, and 1 sheet of Abstract;
- ☒ 4 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-18);
- ☐ an Assignment of the invention to _ (and transmittal therefor);
- ☒ a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application;
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and cited References;
- ☒ Applicant entitled to Small Entity Status;
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